

Application No. 09/707,923

REMARKS

The FINAL Office Action of December 3, 2004 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 16-18, and 21-24 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1 and 12 are independent claims.

An Amendment faxed July 7, 2004 amended claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 11-12, 14, canceled claims 9 and 19-20, and added claims 21-28. This Amendment cancels claims 4-7, 9, 14-15, 19-20, and 25-28 and amends the claims 1-3, 8, 10-12 and 17-18 to consistently recite the "first region" as the "first display region" and the use of "the" instead of "said", to better place the Application in condition for allowance or appeal. No new matter is believed to be introduced by these amendments.

1. Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103

The Office Action on pages 2-11 rejects claims 1-4, 5-8, 10-12, 13-18, and 21-28 under 35 USC 103(c) as being unpatentable over Reicheck et al., US Patent No. 5,960,448 (hereinafter referred to as "Reicheck") in view of Mclan et al., US Patent No. 6,130,968 (hereinafter referred to as "Mclan").

In response thereto Applicant amends the claims for the reason set forth above by canceling claims 4-7, 9, 14-15, 19-20, and 25-28. The rejection in view of these canceled claims is now believed to be overcome. Of the pending claims 1-3, 8, 10-13, 16-18, and 21-24, claims 1 and 12 are independent claims, of which claim 12 will be discussed as the representative claim.

Reicheck discloses a method in which a computer system searches a text term in a document and identifies a position where there exists a matching string. A first document image of the document is displayed which includes "displaying a first enhanced view of [a] first region [corresponding to the matching string], the first enhanced view being enhanced relative to a display of the first document image". (See column 2, lines 1-20 of Reicheck.) Examples of the contemplated enhancement is illustrated in Figures 8-13 of Reicheck.

As set forth in the Amendment faxed July 7, 2004, Mclan discloses a high speed display and method for enhancing the readability of rapidly displayed text, "in which a body of the text containing words previously read is displayed in a

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[secondary] window separated from a [word display] window in which words are sequentially and rapidly presented" (see column 3, lines 1-4 of Mclan, emphasis added; also see column 4, lines 53-58). In one embodiment, the secondary window is generated only "when the high speed display is stopped" (see column 8, lines 33-34 of Mclan, emphasis added). In another embodiment, a word displayed in the word display window is added to the secondary window only "after the word is displayed" in the word display window (see column 9, lines 9-11 of Mclan, emphasis added). "In this way, a reader of the text may be reading the text in the rapidly changing display in that window at a high rate of speed and may also scan previously read words in the body of text." (See column 4, lines 61-65 of Mclan).

Unlike Reicheck taken singly or together with Mclan, Applicant's independent claim 12 recites a method for operating a display apparatus to generate a display image for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text in a display in which the movement of a thumbnail view is controlled relative to a first display region to indicate at least an approximate location within a thumbnail view of the word currently presented in the first display region. That is, Reicheck taken singly or together with Mclan fail to disclose or suggest as claimed by Applicant in independent claim 12: moving in a display image a thumbnail view *relative* to a first display region, in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time, to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the word currently being displayed in the first display region.

For example, see Applicant's Figures 4a and 4b in which the thumbnail view 34 moves relative to the first display region 30, in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time, to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view 34 of the word "rapid" displayed in Figure 4a and the word "clever" in Figure 4b that are each currently being displayed in the first display region, of the Figures 4a and 4b respectively. As discussed above, Reicheck discloses that the enhanced view is enhanced relative to a display of a document and the Mclan discloses a word display window, in which words are sequentially presented, and a separate document display window, in which the word in the word display window is highlighted in a body of the text to which it relates. Thus, Applicant respectfully maintains that Reicheck taken singly or in combination with Mclan fail to disclose or suggest, as claimed by Applicant in independent claim 12, the *movement*

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of a thumbnail image relative to the position of a display region, in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time, to indicate an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the word currently displayed in the display region.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 12 are patentably distinguishable over Reicheck taken singly or in combination McIn. Insofar as claims 2-3, 8, 10-11, 13, 16-18, and 21-24 are concerned, these claims depend from one of now presumably allowable independent claims 1 and 12 and are also believed to be in allowable condition.

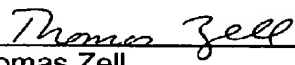
2. Fee Authorization And Extension Of Time

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment or response, however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application and allowance thereof are earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiner considers a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby requested to call Attorney for Applicant(s), Thomas Zell.

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